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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF JOURNALIST PATRICIA BYRD

- 1. SUBJECT NEWS WRITER FOR RADIO STATION WINS, NYC, ARRIVED AT ACCRA AIRPORT THIS MORNING VIA PA 196 WITH VALID GHANA VISA AND PROOF OF CEDI VOUCHERS PURCHASED. GHANAIAN IMMIGRATION DENIED BYRD ENTRY ON GROUNDS THAT SHE IS JOURNALIST. EMBASSY URGENTLY CONTACTED GOG PRESS SECRETARY JAMES ANAMAN WHO STATED THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS GOG POLICY TO DENY VISAS TO WESTERN JOURNALISTS, BYRD SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERMITTED ENTRY BECAUSE SHE IN POSSESSION OF VALID VISA. BEFORE ANAMAN COULD REACH AIRPORT, BYRD BOARDED PAN AM 197 DUE TO ARRIVE MONROVIA 1240 TODAY.
- 2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL IAN AM OFFICE, NEXT FLIGHT TO ACCRA FROM MONROVIA IS GHANA AIRWAYS 543, ETD MONROVIA 1530. SEPT 9. ANAMAN HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY MONROVIA ATTEMPT CONTACT BYRD AND INFORM HER THAT SHE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER IF SHE DECIDES TO RETURN TO GHANA. SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT PROBABLY STAYING AT A MONROVIA HOTEL. SMITH

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